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Project:

Oxhey Activity Park, Watford

Client:

Watford Borough Council

Architect:

xsite architecture



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Oxhey Activity Park in Watford has undergone a major landscape overhaul, significantly improving the extensive skate park facilities, with play areas interspersed along a landscaped green corridor and increasing the sustainability of the café at the heart of the park.

The design of this inclusive and welcoming space has been well considered. A fabric first approach sees low U-values, high airtightness, air source heat pumps and natural ventilation, alongside a green roof of the café to enhance biodiversity levels, to greatly increase the sustainability of this community hub.

Sustainable materials are used throughout and this fabric first and low energy use design will ensure that Oxhey Activity Park remains a popular community space for all to enjoy, for many years to come.

Judges' Comments:

“This is clearly a very popular new park and an excellent use of a brown field site. The park delivers exception social value for a broad range of users of all ages. It’s an excellent facility with many opportunities to engage with the activities or merely spectate, no matter what age you are.”

“We liked the positioning of the café at one end and the car park at the other, connected by a well-considered series of spaces and a hierarchy of routes which lead you through the park and the many interconnected activity zones.”



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